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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
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HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor directs the publication of the following official notice published in an Extra of The Canada Gazette, dated 11th February, 1904.

By Command.

RICHARD McBRIDE,
Provincial Secretary.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor-General has received a telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies drawing attention to His Majesty's proclamation of neutrality in the occasion of the war between Japan and Russia. The text of the proclamation has not yet come to hand. In the meantime His Excellency the Governor-General hereby charges and commands all subjects of His Majesty within the Dominion of Canada to observe strict neutrality in and during the aforesaid war, and to abstain from violating or contravening either the laws and statutes of the realm in that behalf, or the law of nations in relation thereto.

Attention is also directed to the requirements of the Foreign Enlistment Act, and the rules based thereon. All British subjects are warned against any transgression of the same.

The following rules are hereby declared to be in force forthwith:—

Rule A.—No ships of war of either belligerent may use the British water as places of resort for war-like purposes or equipment, or may leave British waters until twenty-four (24) hours after a ship of either belligerent, whether a ship of war or a merchant ship.

Rule B.—Every such ship of war shall be required to put to sea within twenty-four (24) hours after entrance, unless in event of stress of weather necessary for repairs or provisions, in which case it must leave as soon as possible, and certainly within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of repairs.

Rule B is subject to Rule A, and time must be extended accordingly. No supplies to be allowed beyond provisions and subsistence for crew necessary for immediate use, nor coal beyond what can take the ship to the nearest port of its own country. No ship can coal in any British port twice within three months. No prizes can be brought into British waters.

By Command.

R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

